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VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

LETTER OF AUTHORIZATION (L/A) POSITIONS

**United States Department of Agriculture**

**Announcement Type:** Excepted Service

**Temporary Appointment not to exceed 130 days within 1 year**

Position Title: Biological Science Technician

Series/Grade: GS-0404-5/6

Salary: \$27,569 - \$39,951

Work schedule: Full-time

Location: Parma, Idaho

Area of Consideration: US Citizens

Vacancy Announcement Number:

Opening Date: 9/12/2005

Closing Date: open until filled

Duties

The objectives of the research program include identifying product quality attributes of diverse grape germplasm, and identifying the impact of various enological practices on product quality. Duties include collecting, preparing, and verifying samples; maintaining records of methods and procedures and data collection; operating laboratory equipment including liquid/gas chromatographs; and using computers for data entry and analysis.

Qualification Requirements: Education, experience or a combination of both may qualify you for this position. If you would like your education considered, you must provide a copy of your college transcripts.

Basic Requirements:

GS-05: One year of specialized experience equivalent to at least the GS-04 level OR Successful completion of a full 4-year course of study leading to a bachelor's degree with major study or at least 24 semester hours in any combination of courses such as biology, chemistry, statistics, entomology, animal husbandry, botany, physics, agriculture, or mathematics.

GS-6: 1 year of specialized experience equivalent to the GS-5 level in the Federal service OR 6 months of graduate education directly related to the duties of the position.

**HOW TO APPLY:** Candidates must submit a completed OF 612 (Optional Application for Federal Employment), resume, or curriculum vitae, Government Application Form SF- 171 is no longer required, however, they will still be accepted. The following information is required to evaluate applicant qualifications and to determine if applicants meet legal requirements for Federal employment:

- C      Announcement number, title, and grade(s)
- C      Full name, mailing address (including zip code) and day and evening phone number (with area code)
- C      Social security number
- C      Work Permit - Some State laws require persons under the age of 18 to obtain a work permit before being employed. Applicants who are under 18 should check with State or local authorities for specific requirements.
- C      Identify country of citizenship (must be citizen of the United States or a country allied with the U.S. in a defense treaty agreement or exempted by Congress and must have a green card showing lawful admittance and permission to be employed.
- C      Veterans' Preference (see Veterans' Preference below)
- C      Highest Federal civilian grade held (if applicable)
- C      Highest education level achieved. Graduates of foreign universities must include proof of foreign education equivalency to an

accredited U.S. college/university

- C Copy of college transcripts or list of college courses (if required under qualifications or if applicable to the positions)
- C Paid and nonpaid work experience related to the position
- C Job related training courses, skills, certificates/licenses (current), honors, awards and special accomplishments
- C Applications mailed using government postage and/or internal federal government mail systems are in violation of agency and postal regulations and will not be accepted.

**SUBMIT APPLICATION PACKAGE TO:**

Name: Pam Dean  
Address: USDA-ARS, PWA  
3200 SW Jefferson Way, Room #26  
Corvallis, OR 97331

If you need an application form or want more information about this position, you may contact Stefani Morgan on 541-738-4023.

**CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT:**

Federal Employees must be at least 16 years of age.

OF-306 Declaration for Federal Employment must be completed before a job offer can be made and resigned and dated once appointed to the position to determine and applicants suitability. Appointees must be found to be reliable, of good character, loyal to the United States, and mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of the position to which appointed without danger to themselves, fellow employees, or the public.

Males born after December 31, 1959, must certify that they have registered with the Selective Service System, or are exempt from having to do so under the Selective Service Law.

Signed Conditions of Employment for Letter of Authorization (L/A) Appointments indicating that employees know they are temporary and will not be receiving paid benefits or any assurance of continued employment.

**VETERANS' PREFERENCE:** If applicants served on active duty in the United States military and were separated under honorable conditions, they may be eligible for veterans' preference. To claim 5-point veterans' preference, you must attach a copy of your DD-214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty, or other proof of eligibility. To claim 10-point veterans' preference, attach an SF-15, Application for 10-Point Veterans Preference, plus the documentation required by that form. For further details, call the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) at 703-724-1850/TDD 978-461-8404 and select "General Information" and then "Veterans Preference" or visit their VetGuide website [www.opm.gov/employ/veterans/html/vetguide.htm](http://www.opm.gov/employ/veterans/html/vetguide.htm)

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